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1. According to a report dated 10 February 1951, Czech border authorities have erected wooden watch towers ten meters high opposite the Leopoldschlag-Hindhaag-Freistadt area of Upper Austria. One tower is located on a hill south of Bochnsdorf. Another tower is on a hill southwest of heights at 40.37 N/14.32 E.
2. A concrete bunker has been built about 600 meters southwest of Hanry (N50/U90), at a point about 20 meters from the border.
3. The Czech customs office in Cetviny has been moved to a house in the village where it is not visible from the Austrian side of the border. Personnel of the customs office consists of 10-12 men.
4. According to information dated 5 March 1951, a church steeple in Cetviny (049/R02), has been converted into a watch tower with windows on all sides. A border guard is stationed there during the day.

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5. It was reported on 16 March 1951 that a strip three kilometers wide along the Czech border is a restricted zone.** Inhabitants of this area are permitted to leave the zone, but persons residing in other parts of Czechoslovakia are forbidden to enter the zone without a special permit. The Czechs hope thus to eliminate illegal border crossings into Austria.

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** [REDACTED] Comment: It is not clear whether the zone includes the Czech-German border.

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